

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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REPLY AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(b)

Mail Stop Amendment  
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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of September 26, 2007, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

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